

Post Shorts

Toby Keith to headline Army Concert Tour at APG

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 5, as the U.S. Army Concert Tour brings country superstar Toby Keith to APG. The concert will kick off 7:30 p.m. at Shine Sports Field in the Aberdeen Area. A special pre-sale ticket of \$30 will be available to the APG community from April 5 to 9. Tickets will be available in both area Recreation Centers for walk-in customers only. Please be prepared to provide a government ID card to be eligible for this special ticket offer. On Monday, April 12, tickets will increase to \$35 in advance and, if available, \$45 the day of the show.

For more information, visit the MWR Web site at www.apgmwr.com.

Days of Remembrance April 14

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory will sponsor the Days of Remembrance observance, 10 a.m., April 14, at the Post Theater. The 2010 Days of Remembrance theme is "Stories of Freedom: What You Do Matters." Guest speaker will be Morris Rosen (Moniek Rozen).

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Elwood Veney, 410-436-4810.

Environmental Management System Training

Garrison DPW Environmental Division will host Environmental Management System Training April 5 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. in building E5771. Training is also available at your site. For information contact Barbara Seker, barbara.seker@us.army.mil, 410-436-9239.

Days of Remembrance essay and display contest

The U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School will accept submissions for the Holocaust Days of Remembrance essay and display contest through April 7.

The 2010 theme is "Stories of Freedom: What you do matters." The contest is open to all Aberdeen Proving Ground active duty military, civilians, contractors and their family members.

First place winners will

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IMCOM commander holds APG Town Hall meeting, praises Garrison workers

Story by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

During a March 24 visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground, the commander of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command expressed his thanks to Garrison employees for their support of Army Soldiers and their Families.

Escorted by APG Garrison Commander Col. Orlando W. Ortiz and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades, Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch addressed employees in the Post Theater.

The visit was part of the Installation Management Campaign which seeks to provide standardized, effective and efficient services to Soldiers, Families and civilians for an Army and nation engaged in persistent conflict.

The plan addresses Soldier and Family readiness and well being, leader and workforce development, and installation readiness toward the goal of reaching a Sustainable Army Community of Excellence.

Lynch discussed his responsibilities and multiple roles as the IMCOM commander, the Assistant Chief of Staff of Installation Management and as manager of the Services and Infrastructure Corps Enterprise (SICE), an institutional adaptation in sync with Army Transformation that supports training and mobilization of active and Reserve components while pro-



Photo by JIM FOARD, GARRISON PHOTOGRAPHER
Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, commander of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command and the Assistant Chief of Staff for Information Management, gestures while addressing Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison employees during a Town Hall meeting in the Post Theater March 24.

viding a full range of installation and Family support activities before, during and after the Soldier's absence. Lynch is responsible for 117,000 people on 160 installations.

"There's not a job in our Army that has more control and resources to take care of our Soldiers," he said.

With plans to visit every installation under his command,

Lynch said he came to APG for two reasons.

"First, I came to thank the workers," he said. "What you are doing is making history. I just wanted you to know how much we appreciate what you are doing and to let you know that you are making a difference every day."

He said that IMCOM is committed to helping its

installations.

"Right now what we're trying to figure out at IMCOM is how to help you do your jobs," he said.

He encouraged workers to look at how things are done in the garrisons and to resist doing things only "because that's the way we've always done them."

"Are we doing the right thing? Are we doing things right? And what are we missing?" he asked, encouraging workers to ask those three questions regarding their jobs.

"What I need is for you to send me a note if you think we're doing something [wrong]," he said. "We need your help because we're not doing as well as we should."

He said that IMCOM had too much money and too many people, having grown through a time when the Army had lots of money and that over the next few years the organization will change the way it does business.

"Our Soldiers, our Families and our civilians deserve the best. That's nonnegotiable," he said.

"We have to look closely at where we are and how we spend our money."

He said that everyone within IMCOM should feel free to comment and he encouraged employees to contact him directly through his e-mail address at rick.lynych@us.army.mil.

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Photo by CHRISTINA GRABER, USAPHC (PROV) VISUAL INFORMATION DIVISION
From left, Pfc. Tyler Long, preventive medicine specialist, and Alex Franckewitz, engineering technician, check sampling equipment cases prior to shipping them to Haiti from the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional).

USAPHC (Prov) helps those helping in Haiti

Story by
JANE GERVASONI
U.S. Army Public Health Command, Provisional

We have all seen photos of the devastation in Haiti caused by the recent earthquake and asked ourselves how we could help. Frank Carcieri, an environmental scientist and U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) liaison to U.S. Southern Command, has reached out to offer help to those working in the aftermath of the disaster.

Carcieri focused on the military personnel sent to assist the people of Haiti in rescue and cleanup operations.

"We were proactive," Carcieri explained as he spoke about offering information and technical support to associates in SOUTHCOM from Aberdeen Proving Ground, office.

He and his colleagues in the Deployment Environmental Surveillance Program focused on providing Army preventive medicine personnel on the ground with the equipment and know-how needed to make sure environmental conditions were safe for Army responders. This includes things like testing water, air and soil to identify natural or man-made substances that might be harmful to health.

"The USAPHC (Prov) scientists have assisted U.S. deployed personnel in determining the potability of local water, soil contamination, air quality, sanitation concerns, vector and disease surveillance, as well as avoidance of exposure to hazards such as smoke generated from the burning of garbage by locals," according to Carcieri.

"Using laboratory analyses, we have also given guidance on field sanitation, hazardous waste, and industrial hygiene concerns such as asbestos," he continued.

Samples were sent back to the laboratory at APG to determine what if any contamination was present.

"We are providing desktop consultations and equipment support to deployed personnel to ensure that the people who are providing help to the Haitian people stay healthy themselves," he added.

Alex Franckewitz, engineering technician, and his team members, Pfc. Tyler Long, Deb Tracy and Georgia Bailey, packaged treated and untreated water sampling kits, soil kits, deployment environmental sampling backpacks, and air sampling equipment.

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Commentary - Confronted with life: an Easter message

By
CHAPLAIN (COL.) RUBEN D. COLON

Each Easter Sunday I can't help but think of this lovely old legend that tells of the priest who found a branch of a thorn tree twisted around so that it resembled a crown of thorns. Thinking it a symbol of the crucifixion, he placed it on the altar in his chapel on Good Friday.

Early on Easter morning he remembered what he had done. Feeling it was not appropriate for Easter Sunday, he hurried into the church to clear it away before the congregation came. But when he came into the church, he found the thorn branches blossoming with beautiful roses. He, in a way of speaking, was confronted with life.

A woman in Ohio had the unusual experience of having her husband show up several years after he had been declared dead. The husband's car had been found on the shore of Lake Erie with a suicide note taped to the steering wheel. He was presumed drowned, although his body was not found. After a year, he was declared dead. The woman remarried. Then her first husband showed up; he had only faked the suicide and had run off to another state. "I wish he hadn't shown up," the distraught woman said, realizing she had to deal with his reappearance. She had adjusted to his death and now was confronted with his life.

On a Sunday morning nearly 2,000 years ago, a woman in Israel was faced with a somewhat similar situation. Mary Magdalene came to the tomb of Jesus "early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb" (John 20:1). After alerting Simon Peter and another disciple, Mary Magdalene returned and waited outside as the two men entered. While she stood there weeping, "she turned around and saw Jesus standing but she did not know that it was Jesus" (v.14). She thought it was the gardener and asked if he had removed the body. Jesus identified himself to the astonished woman. Like the woman in Ohio, Mary Magdalene had adjusted to death, but was confronted with life. He had come back from the dead.

The message is the same this Easter. We're still confronted by life. Life

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APG celebrates WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

APG Soldier returns to All Army volleyball team

Story and photo by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

An Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldier is repeating a feat few Soldiers accomplish once. Sgt. Elizabeth D. Thompson of the 1st Area Medical Laboratory has been accepted to the 2010 All Army Volleyball trials to be held in Cherry Point, N.C. near Fort Bragg starting April 7.

‘If she makes the team, this will be her third selection to the All Army Women’s Volleyball team, her second while stationed at APG.

Thompson is a preventive medicine noncommissioned officer and squad leader in her unit’s Occupational and Environmental Health section. A volleyball player since childhood, Thompson helped her school, Rio Americano High School in Sacramento, Calif., to a state championship and continued her winning ways after enlisting in the Army in 2004.

She first played on the All Army Volleyball team in 2007 while stationed in Landstuhl, Germany, where she served with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine – Europe and then again after arriving at APG in 2008. Thompson was named the APG Noncommissioned Officer of the Year after selection board proceedings in 2009. Along with her regular duties, she spent the past year representing the Soldiers of APG along with Garrison leaders at the Armed Forces Day and Army Birthday Ball festivities, and during other official programs.

While not overconfident, Thompson said she has become familiar with the regimen of the trials and is ready to again prove herself.

“The first week involves three-a-day

practices that include weight-training sessions,” she said. “After two weeks, when they’ve decided who goes and who stays, sessions go to two-a-day.”

She said the All Army women’s team plays teams from the Air Force, Navy and Marines. During the competition the teams she played on finished in second place both times.

“I’m looking forward to this chance to win it all,” she said. “You get very close to your teammates. Hopefully there’ll be other returning players like me. Some of my best friends in the Army I met on the All Army team.”

Except for a grandfather who is a retired Air Force colonel, Thompson is the only one in her immediate Family currently serving in the military. She said her Family is happy for her. “They know I love volleyball and they’ve always supported me,” she said.

She expressed her thanks to battalion Commander Col. Beau J. Freund and battalion Sgt. Maj. Juanita Krueger for their support.

“If it wasn’t for support from my chain of command and my squad, I wouldn’t be afforded the opportunity to go,” she said.

“Without strong leadership you can’t have strong Soldiers. We have a busy mission but they realize how important this is to me. I look forward to representing them.”

She encouraged Soldiers thinking about trying out for All Army sports to “go for it.”

“If you love the game, go and try out,” she said. “Even if you get selected for the trials and don’t make it you will have done your best and that still puts you above so many others.”



Sgt. Elizabeth D. Thompson of the 1st Area Medical Laboratory poses in the Edgewood Area’s Hoyle Gym after being accepted to the All Army Women’s Volleyball trials, which begin April 7 near Fort Bragg, N.C., for the third time in four years.

Army scientists mentor students

Story and photo by
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Research, Development and Engineering Command Public Affairs

In a room full of regional business and technology leaders during a breakfast meeting, two young faces stand out. These local high school students are preparing to explain their Capstone Research Project to the March meeting of the Northeastern Maryland Technology Council.

David Bowman and Kristofer Castro, both students in the Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School, are partnering with U.S. Army Research Laboratory scientists to help them focus their efforts and explore new horizons.

“A colleague of mine, Mr. Robert Reschly, and I have been mentoring Kris and David,” said Dr. Lisa M. Marvel, ARL. “We have enjoyed working with the students and have submitted a topic for next year’s capstone project.”

Bowman and Castro spoke confidently to the technology council about their test results and the knowledge gained from their Voice over Internet Protocol research. Their project explores computer network traffic and how voice is transmitted



Science and Mathematics Academy at Aberdeen High School students David Bowman (right) and Kristofer Castro gave the council an overview of their current research project in the area of Voice over Internet Protocol. The team is working with Dr. Lisa Marvel, a mentor from the Army Research Laboratory as part of an Army outreach program designed to promote education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

under various conditions.

“We’re testing VoIP and building a database to understand packet traffic,” Castro explained to the council.

The students detailed the

many challenges they have faced, from learning a new operating system to developing standardized scripts for testing network traffic under consistent conditions.

John Casner, NMTC executive director host of the event, said he was proud of the students.

“From student feedback, they leave knowing they can hold their own with adults, gain confidence in public speaking, be recognized and may even find others to mentor them or offer an internship opportunity,” Casner said. “Seeing month after month serious-minded, articulate seventeen year-olds present complex science research, we all become the ‘proud parent.’”

As students at Aberdeen’s Science and Mathematics Academy, Castro and Bowman are taking advantage of a unique program. The academy began in 2004 with a concept proposed by the Army and other science professionals associated with nearby Aberdeen Proving Ground. Federal, state, and local funds support the effort to bring this educational opportunity to students and staff.

“There are lots of APG scientists who mentor the capstone projects,” Marvel said.

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command is committed to strengthening Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics studies with

educational outreach efforts to local schools.

According to the school’s Web site, “The program provides students with the opportunity to experience challenging coursework in science, mathematics, and technology with an emphasis on research and real world application. Regular contact with practicing scientists and mathematicians is a cornerstone of the program and seniors complete a capstone project of original research under the mentorship of professionals in their chosen area of investigation.”

For students appearing in front of the council, the confidence and experience is invaluable.

“Speaking at NMTC meetings allows students to network with professionals regarding college and major choices,” said SMA Superintendent Donna Clem. “I always hope that a student might find an internship. It helps them develop confidence.”

Clem said seeing students speak makes her proud to be part of a program that encourages students to achieve in STEM areas.

“Never underestimate what a seventeen-year-old can do,” she said.

Lynch

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“I need your input,” he said. “There’s no way I’ll ever know your job and that’s why it’s my job to support you.”

Before departing, Lynch presented IMCOM coins of excellence to four Garrison employees – Officer Paul Chin, Directorate of Emergency Service,

es, as a representative of the work done by all of DES and for his act of heroism in foiling an armed robbery during non-duty hours; Spec. Carlos Rios, for his leadership of the installation’s Better Opportunities for Soldiers (BOSS) program; Carl Wheeler of the Directorate of Public Works’ Operations and Maintenance Division for overseeing snow removal operations during the two February blizzards and as an example of the fine work done by the entire DPW

team, and to Gene Schneck, director of Logistics, in recognition of his efforts and those of the directorate throughout the past year.

In closing, Lynch encouraged employees to think about how they are living their lives, to stop working late and to spend more time with their loved ones.

Noting that he greeted a Gold Star Family prior to the Town Hall meeting, Lynch said he is committed to keeping in

touch with them and asked employees to remember Gold Star Family members.

“There are Families out there who want us to maintain contact,” he said. “Every day I call a Family.”

“Your legacy is the people that you touch,” he said. “Regardless if you work in [Army Community Service] or in Youth Services, every day you touch people’s lives. A lot of people appreciate what you do and I’m proud to work for you all.”

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Environmental Management System

Sustainable cleanup at New O-Field

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Aberdeen Proving Ground’s efforts to clean up a contaminated site at New O-Field will achieve the complicated task in an environmentally-friendly way. After considering several options, the installation has chosen a clean-up approach that will remediate the site while mindful of the sensitive natural environment.

“The New O-Field project team developed a well thought out remedial action using a combination of containment methods and biological treatment to produce a safe and effective remedial action with the least impact to the ecology,” said Frank Vavra of the Environmental Protection Agency.

New O-Field is a hazardous waste site being investigated and remediated by the Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Public Works Installation Restoration Program under a Federal Facility Agreement with the EPA.

New O-Field was active from the 1950s through the late 1970s as a destruction, demilitarization, disposal and training area. It consists of an open field containing trenches, a pile of contaminated soil, and a pond created by past clean-up efforts. Pollution from these areas near Watson Creek eventually flows to the Chesapeake Bay via the Gunpowder River.

Multiple investigations of New O-Field, which started as early as 1993, identified several environmental concerns requiring remediation. These include hazards to human health and wildlife from buried munitions and chemical warfare materiel; metals and white phosphorus (in pond sediment and stockpiled soil); and metals and solvents seeping into the pond from groundwater.

The draft Feasibility Study for New O-Field originally identified seven active remediation alternatives that included capping or covering the buried waste, treating groundwater in place or via a treatment wetland, filling-in the pond, and full excavation. Preparation of the final Feasibility Study of the site revealed an eighth alternative that combined several technologies to create an

improved remedial solution. The eighth alternative includes:

- Constructing a wetland buffer and bio-beneficial sediment cover.
- Extracting groundwater and re-injecting it with special amendments to create a bio-enhancement zone for groundwater between the buried waste and the pond.
- Constructing permeable soil cover over the contaminated surface soil and buried waste utilizing the soil stockpile and other soils.
- Monitoring and maintaining the site over the long term to ensure remedial technologies are working.
- Implementing land use controls to prevent any future use of the site that is incompatible with the remedy.

“The New O-Field site presented human health, environmental and immediate safety concerns,” says Elisabeth Green, Ph.D., who works in the Federal Facilities Division of the Maryland Department of the Environment. “By working cooperatively with the state, the Aberdeen Proving Ground is able to implement an innovative response to achieve a level of protection equal to or greater than strict Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements compliance, and was cost effective considering the unique nature and condition of the site.”

“Our approach was based in part on using the natural features of the site as an advantage for the remediation,” said Mike Ciarlo, the Project Manager and Senior Scientist for EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., APG’s contractor on the project. “Using natural processes can produce a remedy that is more sustainable, is more efficient, and provides more habitat.”

The approach offers a “green” remediation alternative using natural materials and sustainable natural processes to advantage. The wetland buffer and bio-beneficial sediment cover of sand mixed with a carbon source will restore the wetland/pond site by preventing exposures to chemicals in the sediment and addressing chemicals in groundwater that have already moved beyond the groundwater treatment zone. The sediment cover eliminates risks from white

phosphorus and chemicals in sediment and water by preventing exposures and creating conditions that help break down or sequester chemicals. The planned addition of native wetland plants will not only restore habitat, but will add carbon to the site over time that will enhance remedial conditions by acting as a carbon sink through a self sustaining natural process.

The chitin-based carbon source recommended to create the wetland buffer and sediment cover is made of crushed crab shells. Using the shells is ideal because it helps to control pH, provides nutrients for plants, and provides a food source for bacteria that break down contamination.

The bio-enhancement zone aspect involves injecting a food source to promote growth of naturally occurring bacteria that help remediate groundwater. The naturally-occurring bacteria create conditions that break down chemicals, such as solvents, and lock metals in forms that are less soluble and less toxic. This minimizes risks from chemicals in groundwater by treating it before it enters the wetland/pond area.

The purpose of the permeable cover that will be constructed over the waste burial site is to eliminate exposure to the buried hazards and wastes. The cover will be planted, and will control run-off and soil erosion into the pond. The permeable cover allows water to infiltrate to the buried waste. While water promotes munitions corrosion which decreases explosive potential, it also helps break down most chemical warfare agents into relatively non-toxic chemicals through hydrolysis.

“The components of the remediation work together to be more effective,” says Cindy Powels, an environmental engineer with the APG DPW. “The permeable cover, groundwater bio-enhancement, wetland buffer, and the sediment cover are all complementary. The cover allows water to break down waste, which is further treated through bio-enhancement and further polished by the wetland buffer, and the pond sediment cover. Chemicals in groundwater that have moved beyond the bio-enhance-

ment zone are still addressed in the planted wetland buffer and sediment cover in the deeper areas of the pond.”

Implementation of the plan to remediate the New O-Field pond area began on Nov. 30, 2009, with the construction of three temporary causeways into the pond, which accommodated a 110-foot, long-reach conveyor with an “elephant trunk” used to install 3,500 tons of the sand mix containing 0.25 percent chitin-based carbon source. The pond wetland buffer was initially lined with geo-textile fabric prior to the sand mix application to minimize potential wildlife exposure in the shallower areas. Bio-logs were placed between the wetland buffer and the open water areas of the pond by hand to further establish a sustainable remedial activity zone between the pond and the permeable capped landfill.

Both the groundwater remediation and pond construction plans were presented to the Army, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Maryland Department of the Environment. Approvals were received and initial work began in September 2009. Construction of the permeable cover and planting of the wetland are planned for summer 2010. Upon remedial construction completion, the next step in the project is to conduct groundwater monitoring in the spring of 2010 and establish land use controls. Periodic monitoring will establish and track the effectiveness of the implemented design and allow any necessary modifications to be made.

“The work we did last fall and over the hard winter held up beautifully” said Cindy Powels. “We’re excited about wrapping up the construction phase and are getting everything in order now for the next phase of the project.”

The sustainable approach APG is taking to cleaning up New O-Field is underway. When the project is complete, the final cost is expected to be half of the lowest estimate for other remediation alternatives. This project is an example of utilizing a green remedial approach to protect the Chesapeake Bay, its tributaries, and the surrounding environment at APG.



Down it comes

Photo by ATC TECHNICAL IMAGING DIVISION
Landing like a spaceship in a sci-fi thriller, the roof of the former reactor chamber drops in a controlled demolition March 16 at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center. Dismantlement and cleanup of the site on Aberdeen Proving Ground is expected to be finished in about a month. Officially known as the Army Pulse Radiation Facility, it was used for more than three decades to test the effects of radiation on military equipment. The reactor was first activated in 1968 and was shut down in 2003.

LEAVE DONATIONS

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Community Notes

SATURDAY
APRIL 3
BASKET AND PURSE BINGO

Basket and Purse bingo to benefit the ladies Auxiliary to the Water Witch Fire Company will be held at VFW Post 8185, Route 222, Port Deposit. Doors open 5:45 p.m., basket and purse bingo begins 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person for all paper cards. Food, beverage, baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available. Bring a non-perishable food item and receive a free ticket for a special prize.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338 or Stephanie Gibson, 410-378-2672.

TEXAS HOLD’EM

American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will host a day of Texas Hold’em. The first game starts 1 p.m., the second game starts 6 p.m. Register by noon and 5 p.m. with a \$50 buy in. First come, first served. There will be side tables. Sandwiches and light fare will be available.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

CLOTHES GIVE AWAY

St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will give away clothes on the first and third Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be held on the lower level of the church parsonage at 742 Otsego Street, Havre de Grace.

For more information, call Pattie Ford, 410-939-2267.

EGG HUNT PONTOON

Hunt for bird, fish, insect, and amphibian eggs and welcome the spring season of new life on the estuary. Bring a small basket for each child. This program will be held 10 to 11:30 a.m. for 30 lbs. through adult. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$5 per child. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

GONETO THE DOGS

Come on a fun hike at Anita Leight with the dog. Four-legged friends must be on a leash, licensed and friendly to other dogs. Don’t have a dog but thinking of adopting? The Harford County Humane Society will have dogs to

meet and greet. Be sure to browse local dog gear vendor exhibits. This free program will be held 1 to 3 p.m. for Families. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

CHILDREN’S GARDENING
- EGGHEADS AND PETER
RABBIT GARDEN

Have fun growing food and flowers here and at home. Enjoy crafts, games, and science disguised as fun, while learning about seeds, life cycles, and growing food and flowers in a watershed-friendly way. This program will be held 3 to 4 p.m. for ages 5 to 10. The cost is \$5 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SWAN HARBOR SINGING
FROG HIKE

Come to Swan Harbor for an evening hike to listen to the music of frogs. Wear boots and bring a flashlight. Pond nets or collecting jars will be helpful. Participants will get wet! This program is rain or shine and will be held 8 to 9:30 p.m. for ages 6 through adult. The cost is \$3 per person or \$5 per Family. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or

for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SUNDAY
APRIL 4
SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT VFW
POST 5337

VFW Post 5337 located on 3705 Pulaski Highway, Abingdon, will hold Sunday Breakfast 8 to 11 a.m. Breakfast costs \$6 per person.

TUESDAY
APRIL 6
HOOKE ON FISHING, NOT
ON DRUGS YOUTH FISHING
CLINIC

Learn how to rig the fishing rod, bait a hook, casting techniques, fishing regulations and ethics; everything needed to get started enjoying a lifetime sport. All equipment supplied. This free program will be held 10 a.m. to noon for ages 8 to 15. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Community Notes.)

Post Shorts

receive trophies, second place winners will receive plaques and all contestants will receive certificates of appreciation.

Essays must be two-to-four pages, double spaced, 12-point font, and must pertain to the theme. Displays must consist of, but are not limited to, models, poster boards or collages. Display contestants may enter as an individual or a group but only one award will be given per entry. Participants must provide the equal opportunity advisor with a point of contact and the location of the display.

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class David Pickett, 61st Ordnance Brigade, at 410-278-2736 or e-mail david.b.pickett@conus.army.mil.

The Holocaust Days of Remembrance observance will be held 10 a.m. at the Post Theater April 14. The guest speaker is Holocaust survivor Morris Rosen.

DAU deadline extended

Defense Acquisition University has extended its deadline through April 8 for applications from Acquisition Corps members for the 2010-2011 Senior Service College Fellowship Program. Fellows will be selected by a centralized selection board. Corps applicants, must be GS 14,15 or equivalent and must be within a Demonstration Project or the National Security Personnel System and have a Level III Certification in at least one acquisition functional area, have a command endorsement letter from the first general officer or Senior Executive Service in the applicant’s chain of command, have or be able to obtain a SECRET clearance, have a bachelor’s degree, be in a competitive appointment Tenure Group 1 or 2 and be identified as being on track for executive-level service. Completion of the PMT 352 course is preferred. Applications will be taken online using the Army Acquisition Professional Development System accessed via the Career Acquisition Management Portal. Visit website <http://asc.army.mil> for more information or contact Jim Oman, DAU-SSCF program director, james.oman@dau.mil, 410-436-7257 or 703-254-3255.

“The Predator in Your Home”

In commemoration of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Dateline NBC’s Chris Hansen (To Catch a Predator) will visit APG, 9 a.m. to noon, April 22 at Top of the Bay, Mezzanine Room. Hansen will speak on the growing problem of Inter-

net predators and child safety. This event is open to the entire APG community at no cost. RSVPs are required and can be made by contacting the ACS Family Advocacy Program at 410-278-7478.

APG hosts Earth Day events

Aberdeen Proving Ground will host a series of events to honor Earth Day on April 16.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, an annual event meant to draw recognition to environmental issues and appreciation for the earth and the natural environment.

Events will be held throughout Harford County and the State of Maryland to commemorate Earth Day, including clean-up of local woods, parks and waterways, and tree and flower plantings.

An Earth Day poster contest was held for grades pre-K through 12 with posters submitted to North Harford High School. Visit http://mdchem.org/earthday-poster_contest for more information.

APG’s April 16 Earth Day will be held 9 a.m. at Top of the Bay. Events include a recognition ceremony for the Earth Day poster contest winners and awards presentations.

Everyone is encouraged to take part in additional activities to include a viewing of the poster submissions, an APG Eagle Program display, a visit from Woodsie the Owl, six different hands-on Earth Day science activities, native Maryland tree seedling give-aways and vegetable seed plantings at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522.

Harford Gate and Wise Road Gate hours change

The Harford Gate (Route 22) in the Aberdeen Area will be open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the Wise Road Gate in the Edgewood Area will be open from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. The Harford and Wise Road gates will remain closed weekends and holidays.

The Maryland Boulevard Gate (Route 715) in the Aberdeen Area and the Route 24 Gate in the Edgewood Area will remain operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Magnolia Gate will also continue to be open from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., weekdays for outbound traffic only.

(Editors Note: More Shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.)

CWF announces upcoming trips, events

April 10 - Trip to Washington, D.C.

Spend the day in the nation’s Capital. Experience history, art and culture at the many museums and monuments. Discover Washington, D.C. on your own or join an optional tour group once you arrive. The cost is \$40 per person and includes roundtrip charter bus transportation. The bus will depart APG 8 a.m. and return 7 p.m.

May 12 thru 16 - Visit Niagara Falls and more

Enjoy a deluxe motor coach ride to the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. Cost of the trip is \$725 per person for double occupancy or \$850 per person for single occupancy. Price includes round trip transportation; four nights lodging; four breakfasts and four dinners; a tour of the Niagara Area: on-the-Lake and Maid-of-the-Mist Boat ride; Niagara Falls-view Casino; Well and Canal; tour of Toronto; Rossi Glass; Casa Loma and all taxes and meal gratuities.

A passport is required for Canada.

July 14 thru 18 - Trip to Vermont

Join the CWF for a trip to the beautiful state of Vermont. Cost is \$799 per person for double or triple occupancy and \$899 for single occupancy. Price includes round-trip motor coach transportation, four nights lodging, four breakfasts, one box lunch at Hildene, four dinners and two evenings of entertainment; visits to Arlington Gallery (home to the Norman Rockwell Exhibit), Vermont Teddy Bear Factory, Middlebury Village, Woodstock Village, M/V Carillon Lake Champlain Cruise, President Coolidge State Historic Site, Quechee Gorge and Village, Ben and Jerry’s Ice Cream Factory Tour, all taxes and meal gratuities.

For more information or to make reservations, call Patti Harkins at the Civilian Welfare Fund Office, 410-436-4467, 410-322-7634 or e-mail patti.harkins@us.army.mil.

Well-Being meeting covers upcoming post activities, improvements

Story by
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APG News

Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community gathered at the Aberdeen Area Post Chapel March 18 to discuss post improvements and upcoming events. Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander and Michael Lupacchino director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation led the meeting.

DPTMS

John Kearney, director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security announced several upcoming events. The Days of Remembrance observance will be held 10 a.m. on April 14 at the Post Theater. Guest speaker will be Holocaust survivor Morris Rosen. Local school children will be in attendance. All are welcome to attend.

Armed Forces Day will be celebrated on May 14 at the APG Museum. “This will be a good educational outreach opportunity for young people to learn about the armed forces,” he said. “There will displays and Soldiers in period uniforms, as well as tours of the museum.”

There will also be a Gold Star Families reception to kick off the day’s events. On June 4 there will be a summer ball at Top of the Bay to celebrate the Army’s birthday, June 14.

AFFES

Drusilla Bond, representing the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, said that meal combos will be available in the Shoppette. The Burger King will be undergoing renovations, a \$1.3 million project. During renovations the restaurant will shut down completely for one month.

Commissary

Anne Morrison manager of the Post Commissary announced that a case lot sale will be held April 28 through May 1 at the Commissary. Morrison added that specialty trays and fruit baskets can be made with 48 hours advance notice. “Fruit baskets make a great Easter gift,” she said.

KUSAHC

Sue Singh, community health nurse, represented Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. She said that KUSAHC will be undergoing renovations starting in October that will last one year. During renovations, trailers will be set up to accommodate patients. “There will be no interruption of care,” Singh said, adding KUSAHC will use the Patient Centered Medical Home Model.

Under PCMHM, the patient has an ongoing relationship with a personal physician trained to provide first contact, continuous and comprehensive care. The personal physician leads a team of individuals at the practice level who collectively take responsibility for the ongoing care of patients. She said that the pharmacy has requested that patients call up to 10 days in advance for prescriptions refills. Singh told attendees that the pharmacy also has “REX,” which is an automated refill process machine for certain medications. By choosing to utilize REX patients will avoid waiting in line at the main pharmacy windows. KUSAHC is the first Army hospital to receive REX. For questions about the pharmacy call 410-278-1945. Singh said that patients needing care at an urgency clinic after duty hours should call the staff duty officer or else receive a point of service charge for their visit. The staff duty number is 410-278-1725. Patients can also call the KUSAHC patient advocate, Deborah Dodsworth, on the following business day, 410-278-1724. KUSACH is looking for volunteers to be part of a patient advisory council, which will be an opportunity for patients to provide input on how KUSACH can better serve the community. For those who are interested, call Dodsworth.

Singh said that free over-the-counter drug and smoking cessation classes are held at KUSAHC. Patients who attend the over-the-counter drug class receive a medication card to receive OTC medicine at the KUSAHC pharmacy. For more information call 410-278-1774/1171/1964.

DPW Tom Kuchar, the director of Public Works, asked attendees to call the DPW office to report potholes on post, 410-306-1400. This number will be answered 24 hours a day. Kuchar said that potholes can be damaging to cars and a safety hazard to people exercising outdoors. Now that spring is here, there will be temporary rerouting as more roadwork is being done on post, he said adding that attendees should allow for more travel time on post. Kuchar said that motorists should be careful when driving in spring rainstorms as heavy rain can cause flooding. “If you see water across the road, don’t try to challenge it,” he said. “It doesn’t take much for a car to be buoyant.”

DES

Robert Krauer, director of emergency services, said that on April 8 there will be a D.A.R.E graduation ceremony for APG youths at 6:30 p.m. at Top of the Bay. “If you have any children in the program, please come out and support the program,” he said. Krauer said that last month DES held classes concerning the abuse of OTC and prescription drugs and set up collection points on post for people to dispose of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. “At the Aberdeen Area police station we took more than 18 pounds of drugs out of that container,” he said. “It was a successful program.” Krauer said that now that the weather is warmer there are more people exercising outdoors. He asked for motorists to watch for children playing in the road. Krauer reminded attendees that those riding bicycles on post need to wear a helmet and a reflective vest or belt at all times. Krauer added that people exercising outdoors should not wear headphones. “Headphones are very distracting,” he said. “People that wear them cannot hear traffic.”

Logistics

Gene Schneck, director of Logistics said the next specialty meal, steak and seafood, will be April 20 at dining facilities in buildings 4503 and E4225 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. DFAC 4219 in the Aberdeen Area is closed. Price is \$4.25 and \$3.65 for ranks private through corporal.

Public Affairs

George Mercer, public affairs officer, said that there is a Facebook page for APG, which can be found at www.facebook.com/APGMd. “It is a way for us to not only communicate to you, it is a way for us to get feedback,” he said. “It is a way for you to ask questions and spread information.” Mercer told attendees that if there is anything they want to see in the *APG News* they should contact Pat McClung, acting editor, 410-278-1150, or contact Mercer, 410-278-1147. Mercer told attendees that if they are having problems with Channel 21, the post channel, they should contact him. Members of the APG community can also address questions and concerns by using the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) system, which can be found on www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/local.

School Liaison

Eileen Campbell announced that the Earth/Arbor Day celebration will be held April 16, starting at 9 a.m. at Top of the Bay followed by activities at 9:45 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, Building 2252. Poster contest winners will be announced. The event will be coordinated by APG DPW, Army Research Lab, FMWR, Child Youth and School Services and Harford County Public Schools. ARL will provide after school activities at the AA Youth Center. The Harford County Chamber of Commerce, Harford Business Roundtable for Education and Harford Community College will hold a Harford Education Leadership summit April 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at HCC. This is where Harford County leadership reaches out to community members, specifically businesses and APG to discuss how they can help with STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) curriculum and professional development. HCPS was recently awarded \$350,000 for math tutoring in the schools. HCPS is asking for volunteers to help write a grant for money to improve STEM subjects for middle and high school students. For more information contact Campbell, 410-278-2857.

FMWR

Chris Lockhart said the Army Concert Tour will feature country artist Toby Keith who will be performing at APG on June 5. The 2010 U.S. Army Soldier Show will be held at the Post Theater, May 9. For upcoming FMWR events, visit www.apgmwr.com. Lupacchino said MWR personnel in the Edgewood and Aberdeen area gyms have been studying the utilization of hours on weekends and holiday hours to determine when they are used the most. The new hours for weekend and holiday hours will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lupacchino said that on April 22, Chris Hansen, from Dateline NBC’s, To Catch a Predator, will give a presentation at Top of the Bay from 9 a.m. to noon about online predators. On May 12 at 7 p.m. there will be a Volunteer of the Year ceremony at the Top of the Bay. Anyone can nominate a worthy person on the installation for the APG Volunteer of the Year. Nominations must be received at Army Community Service, building 2754, room 208 or emailed to marilyn.e.howard@us.army.mil by April 10. Forms can be found on the FMWR Web site, www.apgmwr.com. Lupacchino brought up a few issues addressed in previous meetings. He said FMWR has hired a veterinarian to work in the vet clinic. New hours for the clinic are 7 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Friday 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. Lupacchino said that FMWR staff and the garrison commander decided that this year there will not be any fees for active duty military and military family members for post pools.

HHC

Garrison Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander Maj. Matt Petraitis said the Army Emergency Relief campaign is taking place now through May 15. AER is the Army’s own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to “Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own”. AER provides emergency financial assistance to Soldiers, active and retired, and their Family members when there is a valid need by providing interest free loans and grants. Petraitis said that last year APG collected \$62,000 worth of donations and gave \$150,000 worth of grants and loans to Soldiers on APG. “It is a very worthwhile program,” he said. He said that several blood drives will be held on post in the spring and that units and organizations can volunteer to hold a blood drive through the Armed Forces Blood Program. Petraitis is the post census representative and is available to answer questions about the census. Petraitis said that in May the post will host a motorcycle ride; date and time to be determined. Petraitis said that information about events will be posted on Facebook and APG’s Web site. Petraitis introduced Capt. Ginger Hammerquist, who will assume command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company. The change of command ceremony is noon, April 12, at Top of the Bay. For more information call Petraitis, 410-278-3000.

Chapel

Gerri Merkel, director of religious education said that Vacation Bible School will be held at the Aberdeen Area chapel from 6 to 8:45 p.m. on June 21 through 25. Ortiz closed the meeting and asked for continued feedback on Well-Being meetings. The next Well-Being meeting will be held April 15, 9:30 a.m., at the Edgewood Area Chapel.



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Toby Keith to headline Army Concert Tour at APG

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 5, as the U.S. Army Concert Tour brings country superstar Toby Keith to APG. The concert will kick off 7:30 p.m. at Shine Sports Field in the Aberdeen Area. A special pre-sale ticket of \$30 will be available to the APG Community from April 5 to 9. Tickets will be available in both area Recreation Centers for walk-in customers only. Please be prepared to provide a government ID card to be eligible for this special ticket offer. On Monday, April 12, tickets will increase to \$35 in advance and, if available, \$45 the day of the show.

For more information, visit the MWR Web site at www.apgmwr.com.

Treat mom to dinner and a show

Top of the Bay will serve a Mother's Day Dinner, 5 to 8 p.m., May 9. Cost for adults is \$21.95 per person; cost for ages 6 to 11 is \$9.95 per person; children ages 5 and under are free. Cost includes a prime rib carving station, chicken marsala, seafood newburg, assorted vegetables, assorted dessert table, coffee, tea, sodas and champagne for the moms. The bar will also be open for guests' convenience. Deadline for reservations is May 5.

After dinner, treat mom to the annual U.S. Army Soldier Show, 7 p.m. at the Post Theater. The show is free and open to the public.

For more information or to make reservations, call 410-278-3062/2552/5195, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Hearts Apart offers financial advice

Hearts Apart Support Group will present April Showers bring May Finances, 6 to 7 p.m., April 7, at ACS, building 2754 Rodman Road. Hearts Apart seeks to empower Families (military and Department of Defense civilians) with information to help prepare the Families for separation during deployments and temporary duty.

ACS offers a comprehensive array of programs and services dedicated to maintaining the readiness of the Total Army Family by fostering self-reliance, stability and resilience.

For more information, call Wilhelmina Cromartie, 410-278-2464.

Experience the Cherry Blossom Festival

MWR Leisure Travel Office offers a trip to Washington, D.C. for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival and fireworks show April 3.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is an annual event that celebrates springtime in Washington, D.C., as well as the 1912 gift of the cherry blossom trees and the enduring friendship between the people of the United States and Japan.

Come to the Southwest Waterfront at 5 p.m. as the Washington Waterfront Association kicks off the fifth annual Prelude to the Fireworks, which is a free three-hour festival of Family entertainment that includes live musical performances, kids' craft activities, cuisine from local restaurants, and special guest appearances for the kids to enjoy. At 8:30 p.m. all eyes will head toward the sky for a spectacular fireworks display. The fireworks will occur rain or shine. Space is limited; Reserve your seats today.

Cost of the trip is \$25 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation. The bus will depart APG at noon and return at midnight.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil or visit MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

Special Needs information session April 6

A Special Needs Entitlement and Resources session will be held 1 to 3 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Chapel, building 2485 in Classroom 3 on April 6. Sandi Johnson, R.N., the Special Needs/Case Management Coordinator for the TRICARE Regional Office –North, will host the session.

Military Families with special needs, health care providers, case managers and anyone who works with special needs beneficiaries are encouraged to attend. Topics will include basic TRICARE benefits; ECHO; a Department of Defense Autism demonstration; permanent dependant status; and SSI considerations. For more information, contact Nancy Goucher, Exceptional Family Member Program, at 410-278-2420 or e-mail nancy.e.goucher@us.army.mil.

Free showing of Avatar

School's out! Avatar will be shown 1 p.m., April 5, in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center ballroom on the big screen. Admission is free; concessions will be sold.

New York City shopping trip

Leisure Travel will offer a shopping trip to New York City April 17. Enjoy the city without the driving or parking problems. Cost is \$36 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation. The bus will depart 7:55 a.m. from the Edgewood Best Western parking lot at Route 24 and return 10:30 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call MWR Leisure Travel Office,

Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

SKIES Unlimited

For more information or to register for a SKIES Unlimited class, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. Open to all DoD ID card holders. For an appointment, e-mail stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil.

Private Piano Lessons

SKIES Unlimited private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 thru 18, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays or Fridays, April 13 through May 21. Lessons cost \$102 per student and include six weeks of 30-minute lessons once a week. Parents choose which time frame session they want to sign-up for when they register their child.

Students will be responsible for pur-

chasing the required books for the course as recommended by the instructor.

Free babysitting course

Become a certified babysitter after taking the free 4-H/Army Child, Youth and School Services babysitting class for ages 13 to 18.

The class will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 5 and 6, at the Aberdeen Area Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522. The objective is to familiarize participants with the responsibilities of babysitting. Class is open to all DoD ID card holders.

Beginner Tae Kwon Do School

Join the Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Tae Kwon Do

promotes discipline, as well as muscle toning and conditioning. Beginner Tae Kwon Do classes will be held for ages 6 to 14 at Child, Youth and School Services, building 2522, 6 to 7 p.m., April 12 through May 5; and May 10 through June 7. Cost is \$65 per student per four week session or \$150 per student for a 12 week session. Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited so register early.

Classes will be taught by instructor U.S.K.B.A. Fighter Kyo Sa Nim SeanWilliams.

Learn to bowl

Youths ages 6 through 14 can learn to bowl, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, April 14 through June 2 at the

Bowling Center, building 2342. Participants will learn techniques of bowling as well as technology of ball evolution, equipment, etiquette and scoring. They will also learn skills to improve accuracy and pin fall. Class is limited to 12 participants. Cost is \$80 per person. Open to all DoD ID card holder Family members.

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com.

All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at <http://acpol.army.mil/employment/naf.htm> or check out AAFES Jobs link <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/> for additional job opportunities.

April bowling specials

- Early Bird special: Bowl 7 to 10 a.m. for \$.50 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Bowl Monday through Friday, 2 to 4 p.m. for \$.75 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole

cheese pizza and one pitcher of soda for \$32.

- Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl one game and receive one game free. Cost of shoe rental not included.

Call for availability of lanes on discounted days and hours.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday.

Week of March 29

Special #1: Grilled ham and cheese with tomato soup, cookie and regular soda for \$4.95.

Special #2: Turkey club sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$6.25.

Week of April 5

Special #1: Italian sausage with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.95.

Special #2: Grand daddy sub with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$8.75.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



OPSEC prevents fraud, identity theft or robbery when shopping on-line

Story by
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OPSEC, or operations security, is the process used to identify and protect sensitive information from our adversaries. Everyone shops at some point whether it’s through the Internet, phone orders, mail order catalogs or in stores. This month’s article will provide some tips on how to use OPSEC to prevent possible fraud, identity theft or robbery when shopping online, by phone, mail order catalogs or in stores. Many have discovered the conveniences of online shopping, from the cost saving benefits in fuel, time, comparison shopping for the best price, to not having to deal with crowds, and being able to shop around the clock. However, with the convenience of Internet shopping, it

is the consumer’s responsibility to safeguard their financial information when making a purchase online. When shopping online, look for indicators that the site is secure, like the lock icon on the browser’s status bar or a URL that begins with https; the s stands for secure. Unfortunately, no indicator is completely foolproof and anyone can set up a Web site under any name. Confirm the online seller’s physical address and phone number; print and save records of your online transactions, product description, price, online receipt, or e-mails sent to or received from the seller in case you have questions or problems. Shred these documents when no longer needed. Never save credit card information or store passwords online. Web watcher programs or Spyware such as Key Log-

ger can record every key stroke and can be hidden inside an e-mail attachment. Don’t reply or click on the link in the message if you receive a pop-up message or e-mail while you’re shopping that requests your financial information. A legitimate company will not ask for financial information via e-mail. If paying by credit or charge card online, remember you have the right to dispute charges if an unauthorized charge is made on your credit card. While the creditor is investigating, fees or payment may be temporarily withheld depending on the credit company’s policy. Check with the credit card company to determine additional purchase protection benefits, read credit card statements as you receive them and watch for unauthorized charges.

When shopping in a mall or department store, be wary of “shoulder surfers” who watch over your shoulder when you are making your purchase, whether paying with cash, your ATM card, or credit card. Safeguard your credit card or ATM receipts and shred them when no longer needed. After your purchases are completed and you take them to your vehicle, secure those purchases in the trunk of your vehicle. If your vehicle does not have a trunk, secure them so the purchases are not easily seen. Consider moving your vehicle to another parking lot or stall if you have more shopping to do within the same mall or store. These are just a few ways to use OPSEC to safeguard personal information while shopping. Think OPSEC and stay safe.

Easter

From front page
confronts us through a fresh opportunity. Life confronts us through a new love that comes into our life. Life confronts us in the way of a gift - an inheritance, perhaps, or a grant or a scholarship. Life confronts us through a challenge. Life confronts us in a release from a burden or affliction, or what, in this case, has been conquered once and for all - death. How one responds when life confronts one makes all the difference in the world. In our last tour through Europe, we made a visit to East Germany and on the way back we stopped at the concentration camp at Buchenwald. A German we came to know as we toured the camp told us a story. It was one of the most unusual stories to emerge from the darkness of the Holocaust, he explained. It was about a group of Jewish doctors at that camp who were also prisoners and who followed the same suffering routines. They arose at

four in the morning, stood and shivered through the roll calls, worked at the day-long drudgery on the autobahn, and finally received a cold bowl of thin soup at the end of the day. They were starved, beaten and overworked like the other prisoners, with no reason to expect any other fate than that of the miserable death in the crematorium which they saw happening near them each day. But at night, when the other prisoners were asleep, these weary doctors got up and huddled together secretly in a group and talked. They discussed cases together. They prepared and presented papers to each other. They made plans for improving health conditions. Eventually they smuggled into the camp parts and materials to build an x-ray machine and they used it secretly at night in their efforts to diagnose and treat their fellow prisoners. It was a remarkable story because it is about people who were able to confront life in the midst of death. The life that confronts us on this Easter is not just life for life’s sake; but for the Christian it is seen through the death

and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter life is more than just believing in a fatalistic wish that all will be all right in time. Instead, it is a reality that comes to life even now that we, in fact,

are made New Creatures, given a second chance, brought to life, made alive. The old has passed away; all things are made new. This is the life that confronts us at Easter.



Holy Season

worship schedule

Lenten and Easter services
All are welcome to attend Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m., April 4, inside the Main Post Chapel. Refreshments will be offered after the service.

Main Post Chapel (Aberdeen Area)
Catholic services
• April 2, 3 p.m., Veneration of the Cross
• April 3, 8 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass
• April 4, 8:45 a.m., Easter Sunday
Protestant
• April 4, 10:15 a.m., Easter Sunday

Gospel
• April 4, noon, Easter Sunday

Edgewood Area Catholic services
• April 1, 7 p.m., Holy Thursday Mass
• April 2, 3 p.m., Veneration of the Cross
• April 4, 10:45 a.m., Easter Sunday
Protestant
• April 4, 9:15 a.m., Easter Sunday

Haiti

From front page
“It took an average of three days for the approximately 2,000 pounds of equipment that we shipped to arrive in Haiti to help the U.S. forces,” said Franckewitz. He added that his team will continue to ship equipment and

material as long as it is needed to support the mission of U.S. forces who are deployed. Their work has garnered appreciation from SOUTHCOM officials already. “The USAPHC has been critical to Joint Task Force Haiti’s response to the disaster in Haiti. The ability to have testing conducted so quickly has been remarkable and able to guide and refine Soldier health-protection

requirements, not only for the DOD but the other U.S. government agencies responding, too,” said Lt. Col. Eric G. Milstrey, chief of the Public Health Division Office of the SOUTHCOM command surgeon. At the start of the mission, water was the biggest problem, according to Carcirieri. U.S. forces were able to drink bottled water, but they still needed water for washing and sanitary

requirement, he said. Using reverse osmosis water purification equipment, preventive medicine personnel produced potable water to meet their needs. “There is still a lot going on in Haiti, and it will take time to help the people, but we are doing all we can to ensure the U.S. forces remain healthy in order to provide the assistance needed by the population,” he said.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON
Sgt. Randy Russell of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, and his daughter Kylie, 2, gathers eggs along with other children and parents in the toddler section of the Egg Hunt Extravaganza hosted by Picerne Military Housing and Army Community Service at the Rodman Road field March 27. See more on Egg Hunt Extravaganza festivities in next week's APG News.

Hundreds scramble for Egg Hunt Extravaganza

Picerne Military Housing hosts first event of spring



Little Lily Pilker, 2, the granddaughter of Joanne Pilker of the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, shows off her basket of eggs.



Children scramble for eggs in the 8-to-10-year old section during the Egg Hunt Extravaganza.



A caricaturist from Nuthin' Up My Sleeve Entertainment draws a smiling Hai Dank Nguyen, 13. The company provided balloon art, temporary tattoos, and face and hair painting for the event.